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SUBJECT: CODEL IPU: POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH GOM DELEGATION

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- 1. REGRET CANCELLATION OF CODEL IPU VISIT TO MOROCCO. VISIT WOULD HAVE BEEN ANOTHER HIGHLY USEFUL OCCASION TO INCREASE CONTACTS AND ENCOURAGE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS HERE, AS A FOLLOWUP TO THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF CODEL SMITH JANUARY 14-17.
- 2. IT OCCURS TO US THAT CONFERENCE IN LISBON COULD, HOWEVER, PERMIT CONTACTS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE U.S. AND MOROCCAN LEGISLATIVE BODIES. THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CODEL WHO HAVE BEEN IN OR ARE FAMILIAR WITH MOROCCO, NOTABLY SENATOR BAYH AND CONGRESSMEN DERWINSKI, HAMILTON, AND MCCLORY. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT APPROACH CODEL IPU TO SEE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE SUCH CONTACTS, BEARING IN MIND THAT FRENCH INTERPRETING CAPABILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED (PERHAPS EMBASSY LISBON COULD ASSIST WITH THIS).

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3. SHOULD CONTACTS OCCUR, ONE USEFUL POINT WHICH MIGHT BE MADE BY CODEL WOULD BE A REITERATION, IN GENERAL TERMS, OF THE HOPE THAT A GOM PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WILL VISIT THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR (FYI: AS DEPT AWARE, H HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN, AND WE UNDERSTAND TIMING AND SPONSORSHIP REMAIN UNRESOLVED).

4. WHILE THE FULL MOROCCAN DELEGATION HAS YET TO BE NAMED, WE UNDERSTAND THAT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT DEY OULD SIDI BABA WILL HEAD HIS DELEGATION.
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